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Look at what YOU can do



Forums — Special Interest

Members have used Forums to compose music, improve their test scores, and more. Categories include business/professional, software, home/health/family, sports, and more. You'll also find hundreds of free (download) and use whenever you want to graphics and music! It's no wonder to be an enormous resource of information.



Reference and Education

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Travel

Book your flights, select your seats, and more from your choice of over 1.5 million times, fares, even the type of aircraft. For travel, you can process a passport application, customs procedures, currency exchange, and more. Find the right hotel...in the right city. Worldwide Hotel Guide's 27,000 hotels list all the facilities that have exactly what you need. Conditions for the dates and cities are perfect! You can also rent a car. And get a clue you on exceptional values, make reservations...even entertainment and restaurants. For business or pleasure, CompuServe has the savings, and peace-of-mind.



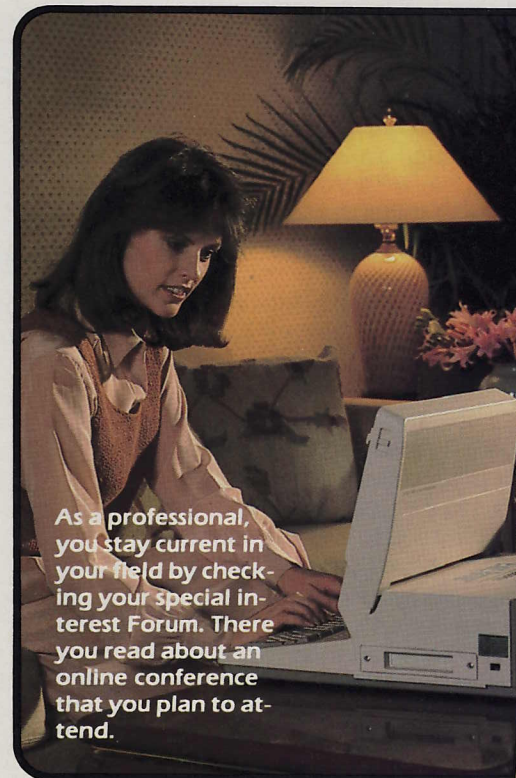
Games and Entertainment

Board games, trivia, sports, chess, and more. Some of the kinds of games available are unique, is that you can play against the computer. The action takes place in a virtual world.

Here are some of the quick and easy things you can do on

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in 25 minutes...



As a professional, you stay current in your field by checking your special interest Forum. There you read about an online conference that you plan to attend.

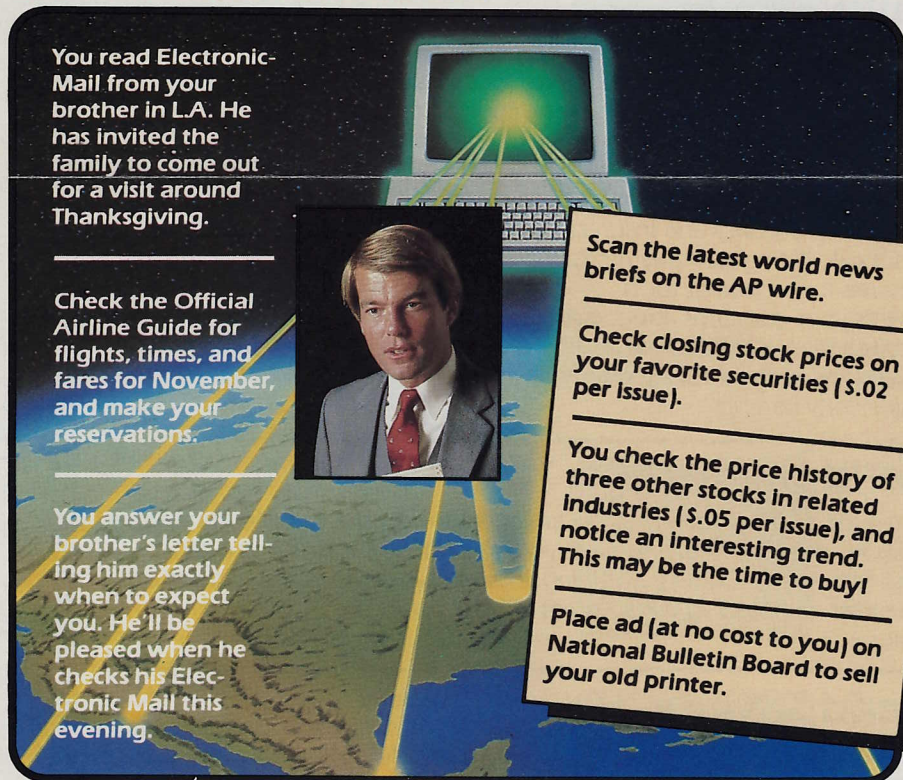
You're entertaining friends tomorrow night, so you check the Gourmet Forum for a special meal, complete with recipes, shopping list, and wine suggestions. You print a copy to have it handy.

Check the Wine Forum for more information about wines from the Umbria region of Italy (the people at the wine store think you're an expert... and so do your friends!)

Yesterday you left a question on the IBM Forum asking for help in adding more storage to your computer. You check back and find several responses from other members!

You've been looking for that new bestseller, so you check the bookstores in the Electronic Mall. It's in, so you order it online.

in 30 minutes...



You read Electronic Mail from your brother in L.A. He has invited the family to come out for a visit around Thanksgiving.

Check the Official Airline Guide for flights, times, and fares for November, and make your reservations.

You answer your brother's letter telling him exactly when to expect you. He'll be pleased when he checks his Electronic Mail this evening.

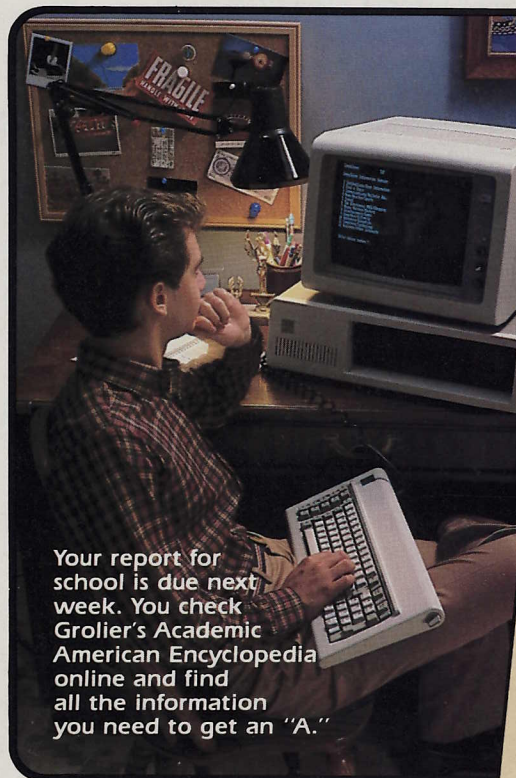
Scan the latest world news briefs on the AP wire.

Check closing stock prices on your favorite securities (\$0.02 per issue).

You check the price history of three other stocks in related industries (\$0.05 per issue), and notice an interesting trend. This may be the time to buy!

Place ad (at no cost to you) on National Bulletin Board to sell your old printer.

in 40 minutes...



Your report for school is due next week. You check Grolier's Academic American Encyclopedia online and find all the information you need to get an "A."

Now you can relax for a bit, so you play a game of Space War against a friend you met on CompuServe who lives in Canada... FAR OUT!

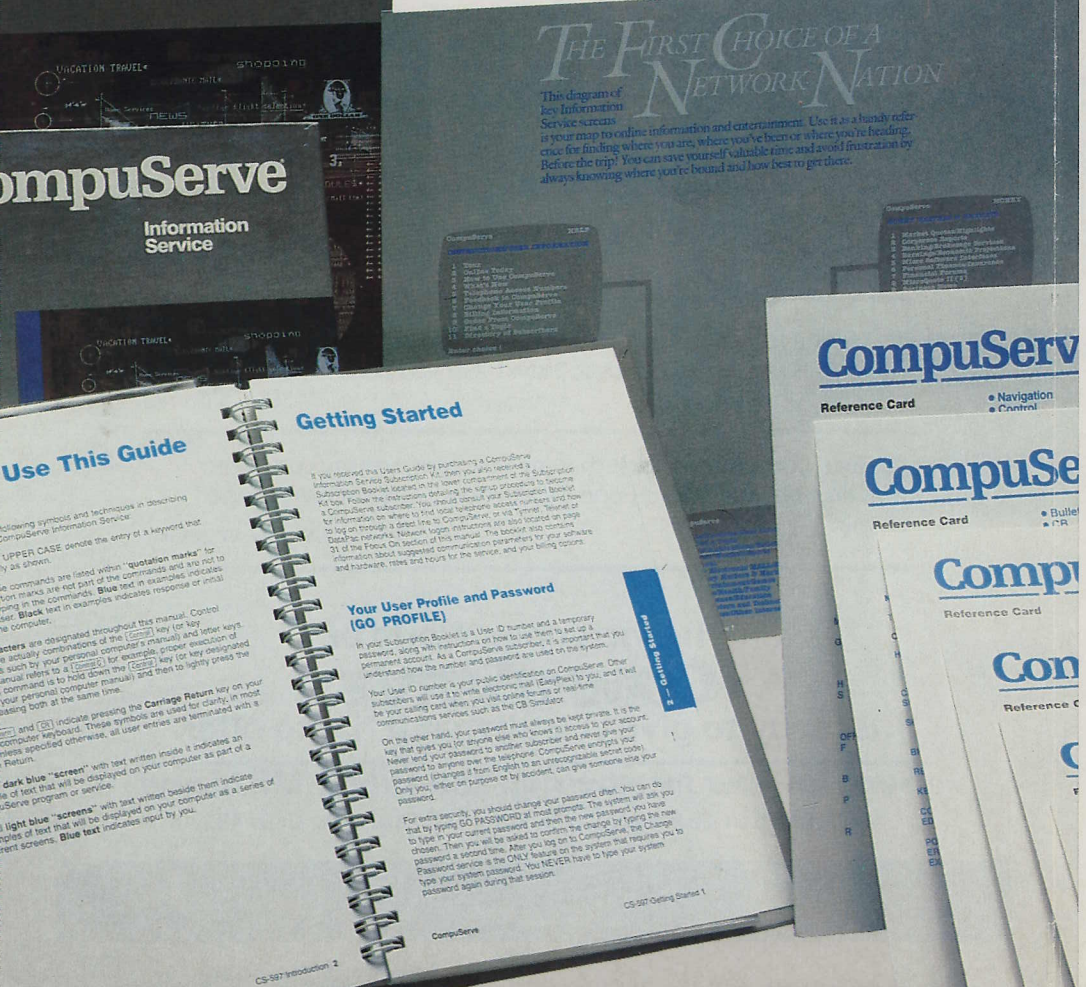
You talk to other music fans on RockNet, and find out about a scheduled online conference with Lou Graham (lead singer for Foreigner). You note the date and time, and think about the questions YOU will ask him!

You missed the final score to tonight's ballgame, so you check the sports report on the AP newswire. Your team won!

Wondering if there will be football practice tomorrow, you check the weather forecast for your area. It's going to be bright and sunny!

On CB a friend told you about a new electronic game in the Games Library. The software is Public Domain, so you find it and download it for playing tomorrow after football practice!

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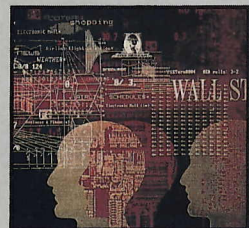


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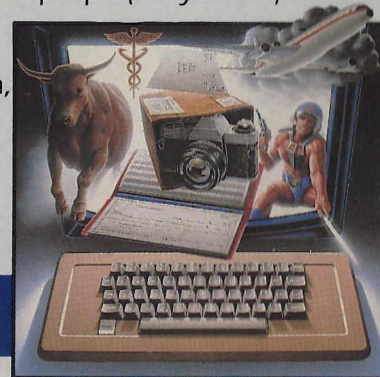
In this modern computer era, information and messages race around the world at the speed of light. Massive data bases, containing billions of bits of information on everything from Alpha particles to the Zodiac are updated continuously. People and computers are linked together by complex networks allowing inter-active and almost instantaneous response. Until fairly recently, all this was inaccessible to most people.



Now, CompuServe offers YOU entry into this amazing world, a world of adventure, fun, games, education, savings, and much more. Through your computer, you can be your own Travel Agent or Stock Broker; and CompuServe can be your Entertainment Center, Shopping Center, and Reference source for literally every

subject under the sun! You can "talk" with people (like yourself) across the country, ask advice from experts on any topic, instantly send and receive messages and information, and "download" files and software.

CompuServe can make you part of an exciting electronic universe that you never even dreamed existed! See special offer inside!



HERE ARE JUST A FEW COMMENTS FROM SOME OF

COMPU SERVE's
 250,000 MEMBERS:

"Imagine, six adults huddled around a glowing monitor, laughing and having a great time!...a wonderful evening of CompuServe and games!"

M.W., Oklahoma

"...Compared to any information service of the like, CompuServe is the best value."

G.S., Wisconsin

"If a 14 year old (like me) can use it, anyone can...and it is well worth the money. I love CompuServe!"

K.S., Arizona

(from a Medical Doctor). . ."CompuServe and PaperChase have been lifesavers! . . pays for itself time and again!"

R.B., Georgia

(about their child)... "Through CompuServe, she has found new friends, learned new skills, and expanded her horizons..."

D.K., Wisconsin

"The list of uses I have found for CompuServe is endless and growing all the time..."

J.I., Colorado

"...I sent a message asking if he were the same person I knew in Saigon... 'I am', he responded, 'how have you been?'..."

M.W., California

"Before CompuServe, I felt that my time spent on my computer was an isolating, one-on-one experience. CompuServe changed all that..."

J.W., New Jersey

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Basic Equipment

All the benefits and services of CompuServe are available to you, right in your home, if you have a telephone, a computer, and a modem — a device which connects your computer to your telephone. CompuServe has been designed to be compatible with virtually every kind of computer, from Texas Instruments TI/99 to IBM AT...even portables! And in most areas of the country, direct access to CompuServe is available through a local phone call.


With only the basic equipment...CompuServe is at your command!

Easy to Use

No special programming or computer languages are needed to enjoy all the advantages of CompuServe. Easy to understand "Menus" lead you quickly and easily wherever you want to go. Just enter your choice from the options on each menu, and you're on your way! You can even "Tour" the system automatically! But if you do get lost, there's online "Help" to get you back on the right track. And Customer Service is only a single command (or a toll-free phone call) away at all times.

CompuServe's user-friendly environment makes it easy, and lets you spend your time efficiently, the way you want to.

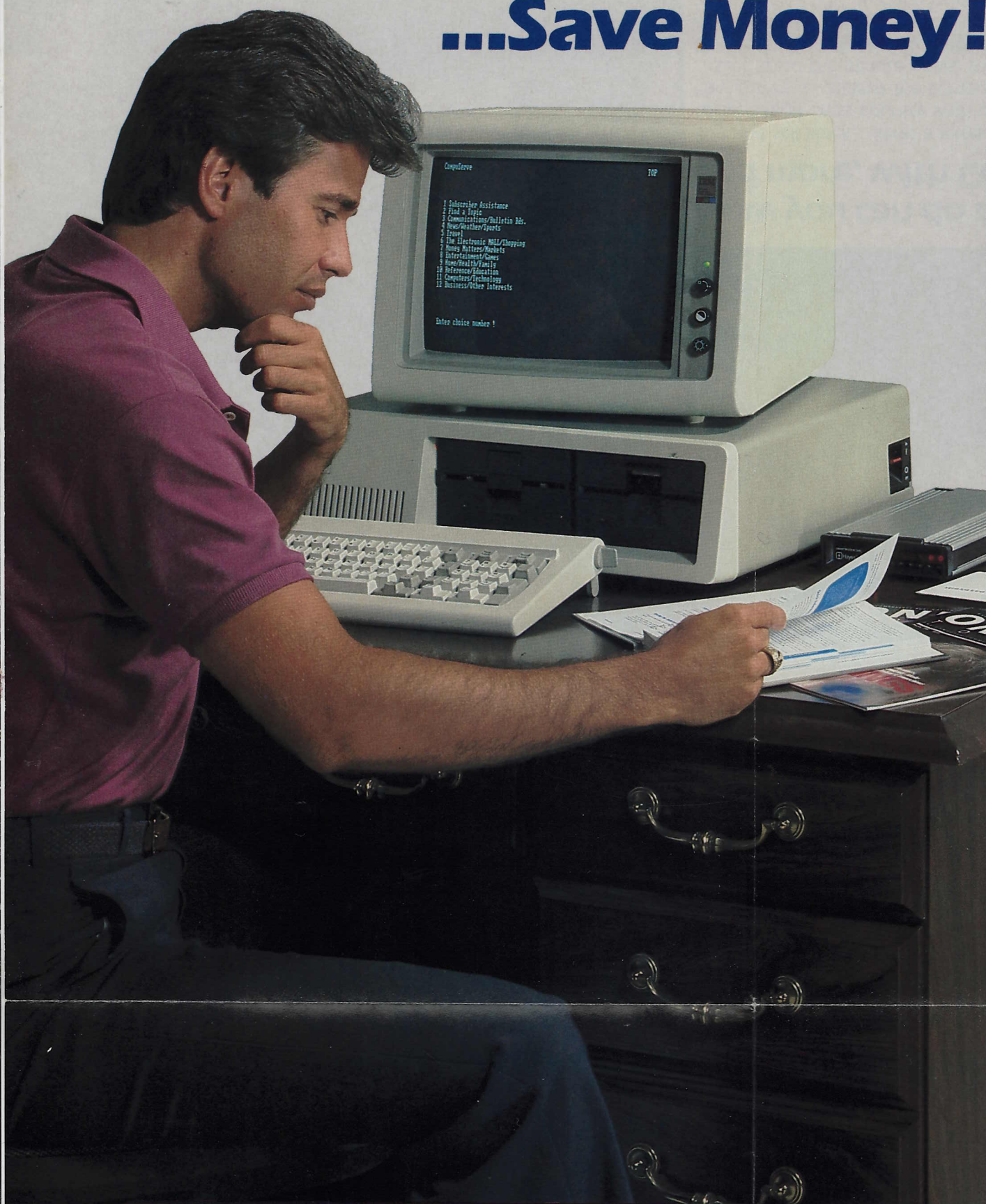
And we'll give you up to 4 HOURS FREE TIME to get started!



Now you can do all this, and more, with CompuServe!

Buy and sell stock...Send a letter...Carry-on a live conversation cross country with only a local phone call... Play games — against the computer **and** live competition...Get up-to-the-minute news, sports scores, weather... Get expert advice on **any** problem...Do research from over 700 data bases...Book an entire vacation...Shop from over 60,000 products and save up to 50%...Attend an online conference with such people as John Sculley, Isaac Asimov, Arthur C. Clarke...and more!

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Special Features Save You Time and Money

Since you pay for CompuServe as you use online time, you can save by using the "Upload" and "Download" features.

For example, if you are sending an EasyPlex letter to someone, you can write and edit it offline. When it's ready to go, just get online and "upload", or enter it automatically onto the system. This happens at machine speed, so your actual connect time is very small, and you didn't incur any charges while you were writing.

If you're doing research and locate a report you'd like to read, simply "download", or have CompuServe dump the report directly onto your disc or diskette. This happens very quickly. Then you can log off the system and read the report back at your leisure without incurring additional online charges.

COMPUERVE Value

After you've used your \$25.00 FREE TIME, CompuServe's low rates will be billed for online time in one-minute increments. Rates are shown per hour of connect time.

Modem Speed	Weekdays 8 AM-6 PM	Weekends, and Weekdays from 6 PM-8 AM
300 baud	\$12.50/hr.	\$ 6.00/hr.
1200 baud	15.00/hr.	12.50/hr.
(Other baud rates available.)		
Communication Surcharge*	\$.25/hr.	\$.25/hr.

Prices subject to change upon notice.

* Surcharges on non-CompuServe networks may be higher. Surcharges may be incurred on selected premium services.

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How to Use This Guide

This guide users the following symbols and techniques in describing efficient use of the CompuServe Information Service. Words shown in all UPPER CASE denote the entry of a keyword that must appear exactly as shown. In this guide, some commands are listed within "quotation marks" for emphasis. Quotation marks are not part of the commands and are not to be used when typing in the commands. Blue text in examples indicates input from the user. Black text in examples indicates response or output prompts from the computer. Control Characters are designated throughout this manual. Control Characters are actually combinations of the (ESC) key (or key designated as such by your personal computer's manual) and other keys. When the manual refers to a (ESC) key, for example, proper execution of the (ESC) command is to hold down the (ESC) key (or key designated as such by your personal computer manual) and then to type the command, releasing both at the same time. (ESC) and (CR) indicate pressing the Carriage Return key on your personal computer keyboard. These symbols are used for clarity, in most cases. Unless specified otherwise, all user entries are terminated with a Carriage Return. A large dark blue "screen" with text written inside it indicates an example of text that will be displayed on your computer as part of a CompuServe program or service. Small light blue "screens" with text written inside them indicate examples of text that will be displayed on your computer as a series of different screens. Blue text indicates input by you.

Getting Started

If you received this User Guide by purchasing a CompuServe Information Service Subscription Kit, then you also received a Subscription Booklet located in the lower compartment of the Subscription Kit box. Follow the instructions detailing the login procedure to become a CompuServe subscriber. You should consult your Subscription Booklet for information on where to find local telephone access numbers and how to log on through a long line to CompuServe, or via Tymnet. Several of the topics in this manual are also located on single-line access numbers. Please refer to the Introduction section of this manual for more information about supported communication parameters for your software and hardware, news structure for the service, and your billing reports.

Your User ID Number and Password (GO PROFILE)

In your Subscription Booklet is a User ID number and a temporary password, along with instructions on how to use them to log on to the system. As a CompuServe subscriber, it is important that you understand how the number and password are used on the system. Your User ID Number is your public identification on CompuServe. Other subscribers will use it to write electronic mail (E-mail) to you, and it will be your calling card when you visit online forums or newsgroups. On the other hand, your password must always be kept private. It is the way that gives you (or anyone else who knows it) access to your account. Never lend your password to another subscriber and never give your password to anyone else. CompuServe encrypts your password to keep it safe. If you change your password, you must type your password a second time. After you log on to the system that requires you to type your system password, you NEVER have to type your system password again during that session.

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Interest Groups

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Education

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nd the nation and the world, as it happens, on the e Washington Post, and hundreds of news sources agazines, trade publications, and newsletters. e will even monitor the A.P. News Wire for subjects articles in your personal "folder." Members use this n basketball scores, mergers and acquisitions, or the nts in computers, medicine...even rock music! Atmospheric Agency reports current and forecasted ties around the world. This service can be invaluable ation, a backyard get-together with friends or family!

ur seat, and have your tickets mailed directly to you ion direct and connecting flights worldwide. Dates, craft are on file for your information. For international t application online, review immunization requirements, xchange rates and policies, and travel conditions. right location, at the right price...by searching the 00 listings. Specify up to 24 different criteria to review y what you want. (Then, go check the weather es of your trip to make sure everything will be And special Travel Forums for your destination will main attractions, little-known places and events urant reviews! CompuServe's Travel Services will give you convenience,

Entertainment

chance, adventure, war, space, simulations...these are ilable on CompuServe. But what makes these games ainst a real, live opponent. Or several opponents at s place even as you make your moves, producing some of the most challenging and stimulating entertainment available anywhere. Some members even have regular get-togethers (online, of course) for friendly competition among themselves, or to take on challengers across the continent!



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You can place, buy and sell orders for your securities through a major discount stockbroker 24 hours a day. Other brokerage services available are portfolio management and automatic tax record-keeping. And you can shift money in and out of different mutual funds to take immediate advantage of changing interest rates to maximize your return on investment.

These CompuServe services can help you develop and execute family financial plans that will save or make you money.



Electronic Mail

Send or receive personal and business correspondence in the blink of an eye with CompuServe's EasyPlex. Simply type in your message (or prepare it offline and upload it), give it an address, and a carriage-return later it's delivered to the recipient's "mailbox." And with multi-addressing, you can easily send the same message to entire groups of individuals or post a message on any of the hundreds of Bulletin Boards.

If there's a message in **your** "mailbox", the system will alert you when you logon. CompuServe also gives you an online Address Book to keep track of people or groups.

The Subscriber Directory lists CompuServe members by name, address, and special interests (listing is voluntary). One member used this feature to locate all veterinarians on the file, and sent them a letter requesting help for a problem with the family dog. Another used it to locate an old Army buddy half a continent away.

With EasyPlex, fast, convenient communications with friends and relatives coast to coast is even easier than writing and mailing a letter!

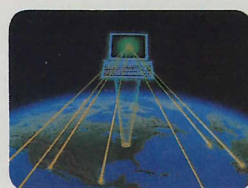


Home/Health/Family

Home management and family well-being are served by a number of online information resources. Prepare an exotic gourmet meal or learn about wine selection from the Electronic Gourmet. It's chock full of recipes, cooking tips, everything for those of us who love to eat! Or love to cook! Or love to entertain!

The Internal Revenue Service maintains a data base with tax tips for preparing your own returns, and a listing of free IRS publications that you can order online. Useful information on Social Security and Insurance is also found here, as well as software programs for calculating loan payments, mortgage schedules, compound interest, and other home-management tools.

HealthNet answers your questions about diseases, surgery, sports medicine... everything to do with nutrition, medicine, and health. This service is regularly updated by a team of top physicians, and is a valued reference for everything from raising children to caring for elderly parents.



Citizen's Band Simulator

Seventy-two channels of live "conversation" are operating 24 hours a day. You can scan the channels for discussions that interest you, and **join right in!** Or you can lay back and "listen." Either way, CB is entertaining, informative, and fun. You'll never be alone, and you'll never be bored. And it's a great way to make new friends all across the country!



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- 1 CompuServe System Map showing key menu screens to save you time
- A confidential signup booklet containing your signup User I.D. and Secret Password
- \$25.00 worth of FREE online usage
- A FREE subscription to the monthly magazine ONLINE TODAY (a \$30.00 per year value)
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